

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 92, “IowaCare,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment adjusts the premiums for medical assistance benefits under the IowaCare program to reflect the revised 2013 Federal Poverty Levels (FPLs) based on income for the household size.

IowaCare members with income over 150 percent of the FPL will have their premium amount adjusted at their next eligibility review on and after April 1, 2013, to adjust for the changes to the 2013 FPL.

IowaCare applicants who are approved for eligibility effective on and after April 1, 2013, will have their premium assessment calculated based on the new premium scale.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before March 26, 2013. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specific situations because all members should be subject to the same sliding scale for IowaCare premiums. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend paragraph 92.7(1)“a” as follows:

a. The monthly premium is based on the household’s countable monthly income as a percentage of the federal poverty level for a household of that size. If there is more than one IowaCare member in a household, a single premium is established for coverage of all of the members in the household. Subject to the annual update pursuant to paragraph 92.7(1)“b,” for certification periods beginning on or after April 1, 2012 2013, premiums are as follows:

When there is one IowaCare member in the household and the household’s income is at or below:	The member’s premium amount is:
150% of federal poverty level	\$0
160% of federal poverty level	\$54 <u>52</u>
170% of federal poverty level	\$55 <u>56</u>
180% of federal poverty level	\$58 <u>59</u>
190% of federal poverty level	\$64 <u>62</u>
200% of federal poverty level	\$65 <u>66</u>

When there are two or more IowaCare members in the household and the household's income is at or below:

The household's premium amount is:

150% of federal poverty level	\$0
160% of federal poverty level	\$69 <u>70</u>
170% of federal poverty level	\$73 <u>74</u>
180% of federal poverty level	\$78 <u>79</u>
190% of federal poverty level	\$82 <u>83</u>
200% of federal poverty level	\$86 <u>87</u>